

REMARKS

Claims 1-42, 56-67, 69, 73-100, and 102-106 are presented for examination.

Supplemental to the Amendment filed on August 19, 2004, Claims 56, 69, 73, and 85 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention.

Claims 1, 15, 27, 36, 56, 69, 73, and 85 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

In particular, Applicants have amended the term "transparent substrate" in Claim 56 at line 27 to read a --transparent face plate--. Claim 56 has also been amended such that the feature of "wherein said fluorescent layer is located at an inner side of said fluorescent device plate, disposed above said electron emission elements" has been amended to read --wherein said fluorescent layer is located at an inner side of said transparent face plate, disposed above said electron emission elements--. Claim 69, at lines 8 and 9, has been amended such that the feature of "a fluorescent device plate having a fluorescent layer and an acceleration electrode" now reads --a fluorescent device plate have a transparent face plate, a fluorescent layer and an acceleration electrode--. Claims 73 and 85, at lines 8 and 9, have been amended such that the feature "a fluorescent device plate comprising a laminated layer having a fluorescent layer and an acceleration electrode" now reads --a fluorescent device plate comprising a transparent face plate and a laminated layer, the laminated layer having a fluorescent layer and an acceleration electrode--. Furthermore, in Claims 69, 73, and 85, the feature of "wherein said fluorescent layer is located at an inner side of said fluorescent device plate, disposed above said electron-emitting devices" has been amended to read --wherein said fluorescent layer is located at an inner side of said transparent face plate, disposed above said electron-emitting devices--.

Claims 1-42, 56-67, 69, 73-100, and 102-106 are believed patentable for the reasons set forth in the Remarks section of the Amendment filed on August 19, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.²

If the Examiner believes that any issues remain outstanding, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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²Based on a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney during July 2004, Applicants understand that the Examiner will review this case with her supervisor before issuing subsequent office actions, because the prior examiner apparently was overruled at least once by a supervisor, causing a delay in prosecution of this application as well as undue expense and burden to Applicants. The Examiner is sincerely thanked for her indication.

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